ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 1940 GRANDSTAND AVE. SAN ANTONIO TEXAS 78238-4549

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Municipal Solid Waste Collection,

Disposal and Recycling Services for the Heritage Northwest Area 2004

FROM: Rose Ryan, Environmental Services Department

**DATE:** October 28, 2003

1. The following questions were submitted about the subject:

a) "Attachment L, Pricing Schedule, requires pricing for individual services provided. Will the City award the contracts to one contractor, or divide portions of the contracts based on the individual services?"

**Response:** The intent and practice of the City are to award the entire contract to one contractor. The price analysis for individual services validates that the whole array of services mentioned in the RFP is included and allows the City the opportunity to analyze and compare costs.

b) "When will the bids be opened? The Schedule of Events lists bid due date and time and evaluation period, but not the opening date and time of bids."

Response: There is no date certain for opening the bids / proposals. After the submissions due date, the list of proposers who have submitted a proposal will be available by contacting Ms. Rose Ryan. However, the RFP process is not considered a competitively sealed proposal process as per state statute. These proposal packages will be opened and evaluated at a later date by an evaluation committee. However, the City observes fair play rules established by State law allowing competitive sealed proposal contents to remain secret during negotiations. After the contracts are awarded, the contents can be publicly disclosed, with the exception of trade secrets and confidential information.

The Environmental Services Department again appreciates your time and interest in this contract opportunity.

Sincerely.

Rose Ryan

Solid Waste Manager